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Ah, Do, Kou and Sou are engaged in a struggle for power. Amidst all the chaos, young Aki, born a princess of Ah, yet treated far from appropriately, meets Hakusei, a young boy who is discriminated against because of his blond hair and blue eyes.

Hakusei vows his loyalty and devotion to Aki because of her fair nature, and over time, their bond deepens. The two of them meet a merchant by the name of Seitetsu, who teaches Aki the six arts, and Hakusei close combat.

But in one of Queen Do's schemes, Queen Kou is murdered and Aki is exiled to Kou. There, Aki makes her appearance in the conflict as one of Kou's commanders, and gradually becomes prominent. During that same time, Hakusei, by now an excellent soldier, decides to hide his feelings for Aki in order to stay with her. Later on, a spy, left in Ah by Seitetsu, gets caught by Queen Do. Because of this, Seitetsu now finds himself in a difficult position. Aki discovers that Seitetsu was formerly called Seigai, used to be a nobleman from Kou, and was in love with Queen Kou, Aki's mother.

After putting all her effort into saving him, Seitetsu is taken to Ah, against Aki's wishes. Meanwhile, in Ah, Queen Do, wishing to make her son King, is leading a rebellion to kill King Ah and Seitetsu...

女王の花 人物紹介

Hakusei
Faced discrimination from a young age because of his blond hair and blue eyes. Is madly devoted to Aki
Aki
A princess from Ah. Was exiled to Kou after losing her mother. Has been with Hakusei since childhood
Queen Kou
A princess from Kou. Married King Ah and gave birth to Aki. Deceased.
Jahar
An ajjable merchant. What is his motivation?
Sou
Ah
Kou
Do
Queen Do
A princess from Do. Currently Aki's queen.
King Ah
Rules over Ah. Aki's father.
Seitetsu
A nobleman from Kou. Seitetsu's older brother. Looks after Aki.
Seitetsu
A former nobleman from Kou, currently a merchant in Ah.

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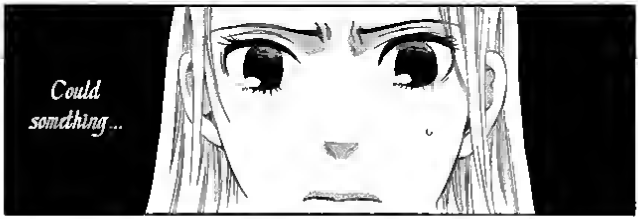
Chapter 14

This is...
half of the Royal Seal. It's been broken in two.
Why—
did something like this, meant only to be in the king's possession, wind up here?
THIS IS THE ORIGINAL... THE KING'S 'ROYAL SEAL'.

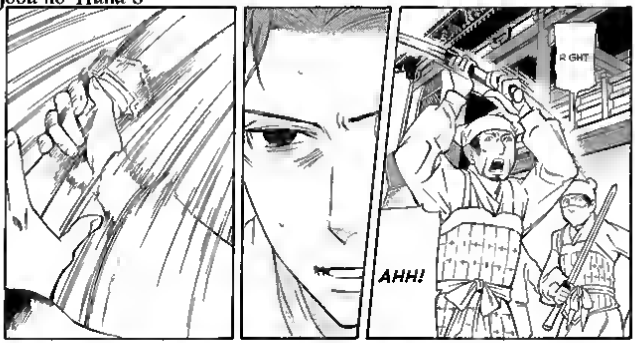
Why did King Ah entrust this to me, a person on foreign soil?


Could something...

BANG!
have happened in Ah?!
Ah Royal palace, eastern gates

AHHHH
AHHH
ALL THAT REMAINS AFTER THIS IS THE FORMER KING'S QUARTERS!
WE HAVE NEARLY ELIMINATED EVERYONE GUARDING THE INNER PALACE
AHHHH
DRIP
DRIP
AHHHH

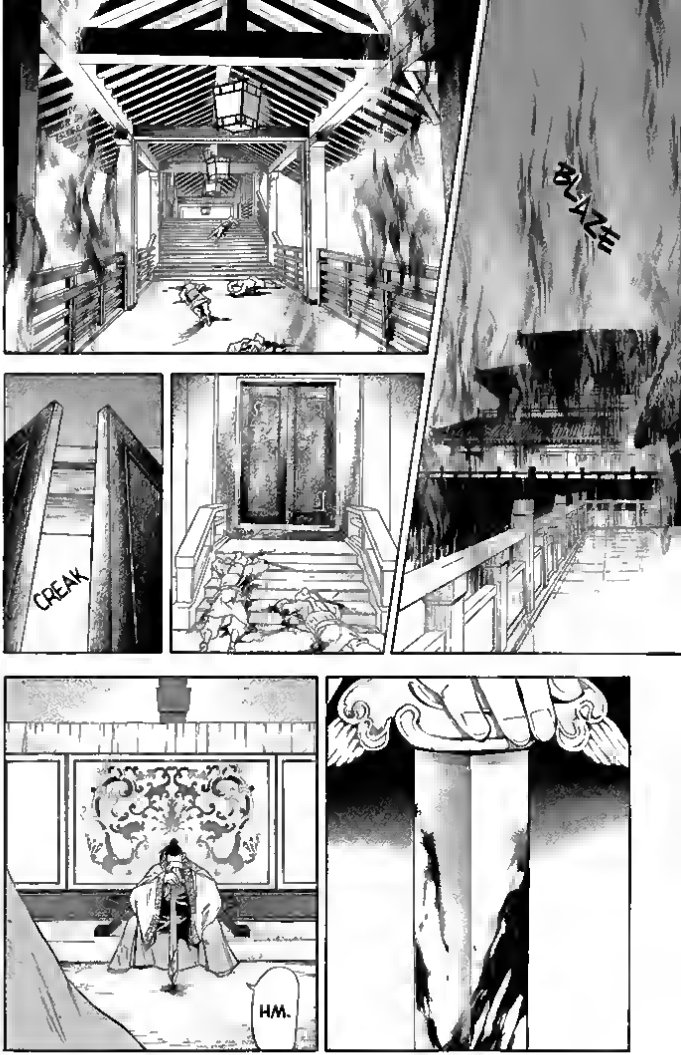
UGH!
snap
soaked
soaked
SEIZE HIM AT ONCE!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? THAT VERMIN HAS BEEN HIT BY SO MANY ARROWS, HE WON'T HAVE MUCH LONGER TO LIVE!
Haa


RIGHT
AHH!

SLASH

THUMP

Queen Do
WITH THAT KIND OF WOUND, HE'S BEYOND SAVING.
WAIT! LEAVE HIM BE, FOR NOW!
YOU SCUM...
Only a little closer
and she'll be within my reach
IN ORDER TO CAPTURE THIS ROGUE, MANY OF MY MEN WERE INJURED OR KILLED...
THE COST WAS TOO HIGH.
BRING HIM WITH US!
Oh great heavens, please allow me to remain in this world a while longer...


BLAZE
CREAK
HM.

SO YOU'VE FINALLY COME,
QUEEN DO.
YOUR MAJESTY,
I, YOUR WIFE, HEREBY PRESENT MY DEEPEST RE-GARDS.

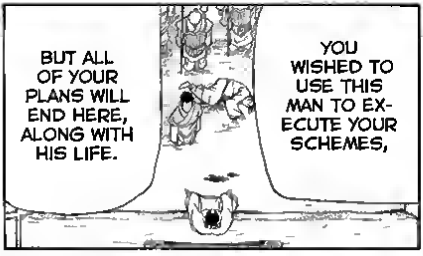
APPEAR
PLEASE SURRENDER YOUR WEAPON.
THE MEN WHO ONCE FOLLOWED YOUR MAJESTY ARE ALL DEAD, SO WHY DON'T WE END THIS POINTLESS CHARADE?
TCH.
TO ME, IT SEEMS THAT YOUR MAJESTY HAS NOT MUCH TIME LEFT TO LIVE.
CLATTER

Choho
I'M TRULY SORRY, BUT A WOMAN'S HEART IS AS INCONSISTENT AS A BUTTERFLY'S WINGS.
IT CHANGES WITH EVERY FLUTTER.
WE WERE WARY OF YOU SOLIDIFYING YOUR POSITION, BUT DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD PLUNGE THIS COUNTRY INTO A CIVIL WAR.
IT'S OUR FAULT ENTIRELY FOR TRUSTING YOU.
YOU CAN NOW REST IN PEACE.
YOUR BURIAL SITE IS ALREADY PREPARED, ALONG WITH THE RITES.
AND YOUR WIFE WILL BECOME THE QUEEN MOTHER AND REGENT TO THE NEW KING.
AFTERWARDS, YOUR SON WILL ASCEND THE THRONE.

FLARE
DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS?
YOUR MAJESTY,
THE BURNT DOWN PALACE WILL BE BUILT ANEW,
AS A NEW COUNTRY BEFITS.
CERTAINLY SO.
YOU ARE A FOOLISH WOMAN.

AS IF A WEAK MAN, OVERTHROWN BY HIS OWN WIFE IS ANY BETTER!
THAT PATHETIC PRINCE DOES NOT POSSESS THE ABILITY TO RULE THIS COUNTRY!
YOU, BOTH MOTHER AND SON, ARE INSANE.
.....
IN THAT CASE,
DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE AKI DOES HAVE THAT CAPABILITY?
THOSE ARE MERELY THE CONFUSED MUMBLINGS OF A FEVERISH MAN.
CREAK
BRING HIM IN/

THUD


BUT ALL OF YOUR PLANS WILL END HERE, ALONG WITH HIS LIFE.
YOU WISHED TO USE THIS MAN TO EXECUTE YOUR SCHEMES,

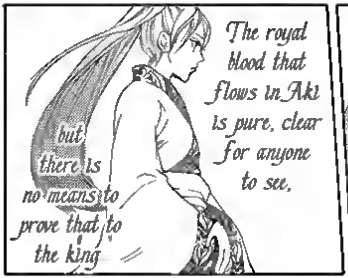
IT'S SUCH A PITY!

SHOVE
UGH!

HEH.

IT TRULY BEFITS ...
OH MY! HE MAY BE A ONE-EYED RAT, BUT SOME MIGHT STILL CONSIDER HIM GOOD-LOOKING.
ISN'T THAT WHAT THE RUMORS WHISPER?
QUEEN KOU'S SECRET LOVER.
IT'S APPALLING, REALLY. SO SHE'S A BASTARD CHILD, PRETENDING TO BE A PRINCESS.
OH MY, OH MY. IN THAT CASE, DOES QUEEN KOUS' DAUGHTER, AKI, HAVE EVEN A SINGLE DROP OF YOUR BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH HER VEINS?
OH MY.

Victory...
is mine!
ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SEE AN ILLEGITIMATE GIRL ASCEND THE ROYAL THRONE MUST HAVE LOST THEIR MIND!
SO HOW COULD YOU CALL THIS A REBELLION, WHEN IT'S IN FACT A RIGHTEOUS ACTION?!

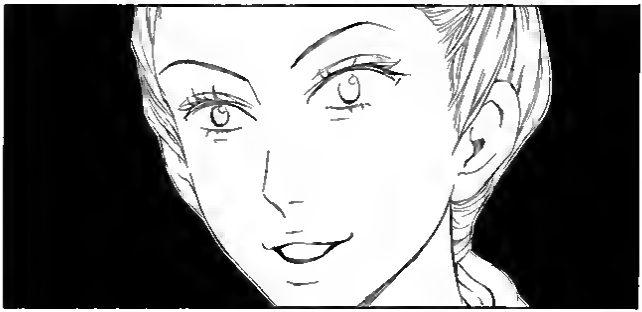

The royal blood that flows in Aki is pure, clear for anyone to see,
but there is no means to prove that to the king

What extreme lies

Who are you?

"I'm Seitetsu, the owner of this place"
"Seitetsu."
"Seitetsu"
I FEEL YOUR PAIN, I TRULY DO, SO PLEASE SAY SOMETHING!
YOU'VE BEEN BETRAYED BY BOTH ME AND QUEEN KOU. YOUR HEART MUST BE BLEEDING! AHAHA!
AHAHA! AS YOUR WIFE, I TRULY SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR MAJESTY.
No! I can't die just yet

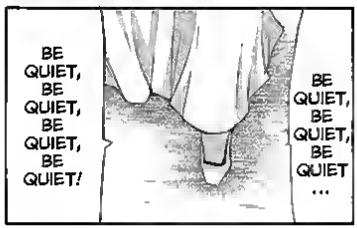
YOU ARE A FOOL.



YOU ARE DISMISSED.
HAVE YOU BLATHERED ON ENOUGH?
TRAMPLE
AFFECTION HAS NO PLACE IN DECISIONS ABOUT A NATION'S AFFAIRS. SPEAKING OF WHICH,
THE MOST IMPORTANT CRITERIA THAT DETERMINES WHO SUCCEEDS THE THRONE IS THE HEIR'S APTITUDE, NOT WHETHER THE MOST FAVORED WIFE GAVE BIRTH TO THEM.
DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE WE DID NOT INVESTIGATE THIS MAN'S BACKGROUND WHEN HE FIRST TRAVELLED HERE?
THAT WHICH YOU HAVE TOLD US, ALREADY CAME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE LONG AGO.

DID YOU TRULY DESIRE MY LOVE...?

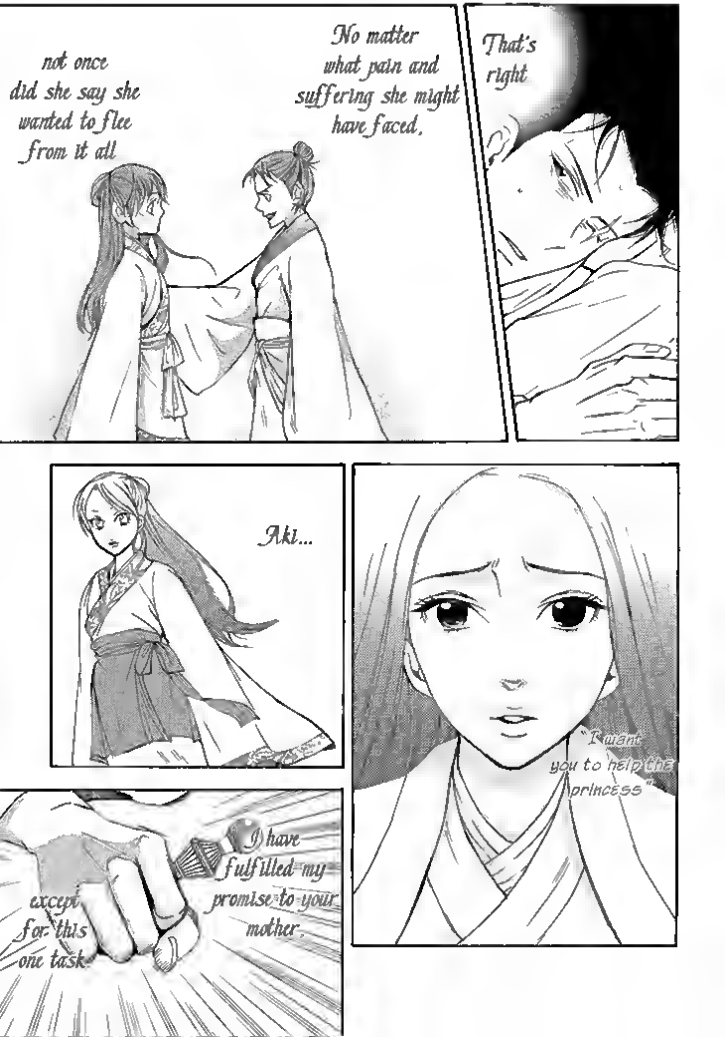
BE QUIET.


BE QUIET, BE QUIET, BE QUIET, BE QUIET!
BE QUIET, BE QUIET, BE QUIET ...

.....
YOU PITIFUL WOMAN.

YOU'RE JUST AN OLD FART WHO REFUSES TO DIE!
SLIP
HOW DARE YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ME!
PANT
PANT
THIS IS A FINE HAIRPIN.
IF YOU CANNOT EVEN DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE BLOOD OF THAT BASE-BORN AKI AND MY ROYAL SON, HOW CAN YOU EVEN BE CALLED A KING?
YOU'RE JUST A WEAK MAN, WHO HAS BEEN BETRAYED BY BOTH HIS WIVES!
SLIDE
THE SHARPNESS SIMPLY GIVES IT ANOTHER USE.

I HAVE NO NEED FOR THIS.
TING
ROLL
ROLL
I HAVE ANNOUNCED THIS CLEARLY.
AKI IS UNDOUBTEDLY MY CHILD.
YOU CAN'T BE CERTAIN OF THAT!
QUEEN KOU WOULD NEVER HAVE BETRAYED ME.
SHE WAS WELL AWARE OF WHAT IT MEANT TO BEAR THE ROYAL NAME.


not once did she say she wanted to flee from it all
No matter what pain and suffering she might have faced,
That's right
Aki...
I want you to help the princess.
I have fulfilled my promise to your mother.
except for this one task.

I haven't finished my role yet.
YOUR MAJESTY HAS NOTHING LEFT. ALL THAT REMAINS FOR YOU IS TO DIE HERE QUIETLY!
YOUR WIFE IS VICTORIOUS!
ENOUGH!
Ha!
THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
AKI MAY HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO BE QUEEN AT SOME POINT IN TIME, BUT THAT OPPORTUNITY WILL NOT ARISE AGAIN.
YOU MAY HAVE WISHED TO PLACE THIS PAWN CAREFULLY, BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, THAT MAN IS NEARING HIS END.
THIS MAN HERE...
IT IS AS YOU HAVE SAID, BECOMING QUEEN IS NOT AN UNDERTAKING ONE WOULD CONSIDER EASY.

HAD PLANNED TO DIE BY AKI'S HAND.

AKI...

WHAT...?

IT WOULD'VE BEEN A MATTER FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN AFFECTION.

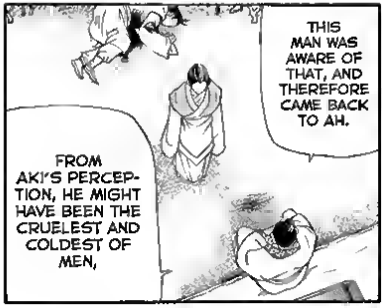
SHE WOULD'VE HAD TO PERSONALLY DISPOSE OF HER MOTHER'S 'SECRET LOVER', A MAN WHO COULD'VE PLUNGED THE NATION INTO CHAOS...

IF SHE WERE TRULY TO HAVE RETURNED FROM KOU TO BECOME RULER,

WHETHER SHE COULD HAVE KILLED THIS MAN OR NOT...

My eyes... I'm unable to see clearly anymore...

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HER FINAL TEST BEFORE BECOMING QUEEN.


FROM AKI'S PERCEPTION, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE CRUELEST AND COLDEST OF MEN,
THIS MAN WAS AWARE OF THAT, AND THEREFORE CAME BACK TO AH.

BLAZE

YOU DON'T...
BUT, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER AKI WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO BE AS RATIONAL AND COLD-BLOODED AS HIM.

Almost, almost there...
I beg of you, King Ah, press on a little more

UNDERSTAND AKI'S TRIBULATION IN THE SLIGHTEST.

TRUDGE
TRUDGE
PLOD
PLOD
PLOD
PLOD
KICK
YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR DISGUISE AS KOU'S ARMY.
THE CITY'S INNER GUARD HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ELIMINATED. WE HAVE YOU, MEN OF DO, TO THANK FOR THIS VICTORY.
THOUGH THIS WAS A NECESSITY, THE METHOD OF OVERPOWERING THIS PLACE MAKES MY BLOOD RUN COLD.
WAHAH!
WAHAH!

BY PERMITTING A FOREIGN NATION TO DEFEAT OUR MEN, WE HAVE LOST OUR INDEPENDENCE,
QUEEN DO-SAMA.
YOU'RE SAYING
WHOOSH
Good
One more step and I will have my chance
Aki,
I...

Until it breaks,

a sword is to serve to its master.

No, my liege and queen,
YOU DIS-GUSTING BEAST, WHY AREN'T YOU DEAD YET? YOU'RE RE-VOLTING!
A DIS-

devoted to
no one but you,
Your Majesty.
I will
forever
remain
loyal.
STAB

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Frightened reader
O-OK THEN, I-I'LL COME BACK NEXT WEEK...
SIGH
Eeek! How scary!
But what kinds of things are in the next chapter? I wonder! I know!
THE NEXT CHAPTER?
I'M SORRY, BUT IT WON'T BE COMING OUT FOR ANOTHER WEEK.
Exhausted staff member
HEHE
I JUST HAVE TO WORK FASTER... YEAH. HEH.
WORK... FASTER... EDIT... TRANSLATE...
HEH.
What should I do?
PEOPLE WANT FASTER RELEASES BUT I NEED MORE HELP. TRANSLATORS... EDITORS...
hehe
TYPESET
CLEAN
TRANSLATE
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